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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon, 11 A. M.
2. Association called to order after twenty minutes for devotional exercises.
3. Read letters, enroll delegates, record statistics, etc.
4. Election of officers.
5. Applications for membership.
6. Appoint committees to report this session on (1) religious exercises, (2) finance, (3) state of the churches, (4) documents, (5) time and place, (6) apportionment.
7. Receive correspondents and visitors from (1) associations, (2) boards, etc.
8. Report of Executive Board.
9. Appoint standing committees to report next session on (1) missions, (2) Sunday-schools, (3) education, (4) temperance, (5) ministerial education, (6) indigent ministers fund, (7) literature.
10. Elect Executive Board.
11. Report of standing committees appointed last year, (1) missions, (2) Sunday-schools, etc., as laid down in ninth of this order.
12. Return correspondence to (1) associations, (2) appoint delegates to—(1) State Convention, (2) Southern Baptist Convention.
13. Report of special committees as per sixth of this order.

NOTE.—Recess and adjournment as suits the body. First half hour after every call to order to be given to devotional exercises, followed by miscellaneous business. Music at intervals. Other religious exercises arranged by committee on that subject.

MINUTES.

ORRVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
ORRVILLE, ALA.,
TUESDAY, August 5, 1889.

The delegates and friends of the Selma Baptist Association assembled themselves together for religious deliberation with the Orrville Baptist church, West Dallas county, beginning August 5, 11 A. M.

Rev. J. W. McCollum, missionary to Japan, preached the introductory sermon (Rev. J. E. Chambliss, appointee, being absent) from the text: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him," etc. Collossians 2:6, 7.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2. P. M. Bro. A. D. Lawhon, acting Moderator, called the body to order for organization, and, after prayer by Bro. J. T. Murfee, of Marion Military Institute, appointed brethren J. W. Hudson and J. R. Crumpton to read the letters from the churches, from which delegates were enrolled and statistics recorded.

DELEGATES.

Ash Creek—*Ransom Folmer, ‡G. K. Bradley, ‡J. O. Robertson, M. E. Bell, *William Robinson.

Benton—*W. H. May, *Jack Dudley, *R. E. Bostwick.

Bethany—D. Rast, *F. Walker, *J. W. Todd, A. Edwards.

Centre Ridge—‡J. P. Melton, *Joe Swink, *J. H. Williamson, *J. C. Yates, *R. W. Watson.

Mt. Gilead—*Jas. Bryant, *H. W. Edwards, A. D. Lawhon, *J. A. May, ‡M. H. Traylor.

Orrville—B. F. Ellis, W. J. Brightaupe, W. F. Moseley, G. W. Bush, J. M. McIver.

Pleasant Hill—*U. J. Crumpton, *J. H. Hickson, *P. Hamilton, *W. R. Hardy, J. R. Crumpton.

Providence—Lewis Johnson, B P. Moseley, *Ed Day, *C. C. Shields, ‡W. W. Berry.

Selma—J. Warren Hudson, ‡H. S. D. Mallory, *T. S. Bowen, *T. M. Johnson, ‡E. Lamar, *F. M. Stillwell, *B. P. Watson, ‡W. J. Stoddard.

Shiloh—‡D. B. Edwards, ‡Miles Hardy, Henry Miles, F. S. Becton, P. W. Johnson, †Jas. Lide.

Sister Springs—Not represented either by letter or delegates.

Town Creek—*L. L. Pierce, J. F. Ellis, ‡R. B. Hardy, *J. C. Fortune, *T. K. Whitman, †Rollins Ellis.

NOTE.—*, not in attendance; †, substituted; ‡, absent without leave. See 25 and 26 of By-Laws.

Delegates by virtue of being pastors of churches in Association, viz: Rev. W. G. Curry, Orrville and Providence; Rev. S. J. Catts, Benton, Mt. Gilead and Shiloh; Rev. J. M. Fortune, Bethany and Town Creek.

Ordained Ministers—J. M. Fortune, Collirene, Ala.; S. J. Catts, Pleasant Hill, Ala.; J. M. Smoke, Soap Stone, Ala.

Licentiates—Chas. D. Elliott, Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; H. H. Shell, Howard College, East Lake, Ala.; J. E. Barnes, Howard College, East Lake, Ala.

The body, on entering into permanent organization, re-elected A. D. Lawhon, Moderator; J. M. McIver, Clerk; J. F. Ellis, Treasurer.

Ash Creek church, having in the past few months been reorganized, applied for membership with us, sending delegates with letter.

Church received, letter read and delegates enrolled as members of this body on motion of Bro. B. F. Ellis.

Brethren Catts and Fortune were called forward to aid the Moderator in extending the hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

An order of business (see 2nd page Minutes) was next read by J. M. McIver, and adopted by the body on motion of Bro. Catts, after being amended so as to be in force only during this session, unless adopted by subsequent sessions.

Correspondents received as follows :

State Board, Rev. W. B. Crumpton; Foreign, Rev. J. M. Fortune; Ministerial, C. W. Hare.

From Associations—1. Cahaba, Bro. J. T. Murfee; 2. Bethel, brethren J. B. and W. Y. Perkins; 3. Bigbee, Rev. J. D. Cook.

Other interests—From Judson Institute, Bro. S. W. Averett; Howard College, Rev. B. F. Riley; Alabama Baptist, Rev. C. W. Hare.

Delegates to other bodies, viz: State Convention, brethren M. H. Traylor, W. H. May, Miles Hardy, Jr., J. R. Crumpton, J. C. Yates, R. B. Hardy, David Lyon, E. Lamar, Lewis Johnson, J. B. Ellis. These are the same appointed last year, there not having been a meeting of the convention since we met before.

To Southern Baptist Convention—Bro. B. F. Ellis (formally elected).

To Associations—Pine Barren, Bro. S. J. Catts.

While the Moderator was engaged in making out committees, Bro. S. W. Averett, of the Judson, entertained the audience with a useful talk on education.

The Clerk then read the following committees, appointed to report this sesson:

On Religious Exercises—B. F. Ellis, G. W. Burt, Lewis Johnson.

On Finances—Lewis Johnson, Miles Hardy, Jr., M. H. Traylor.

On State of Religion in Churches—W. R. Hardy, D. B. Edwards, J. M. Fortune.

On Documents—E. Lamar, S. J. Catts, Paul Johnson.

On Time and Place—Paul Johnson, U. J. Crumpton, J. P. Melton, J. W. Hudson, W. F. Moseley.

On Apportionment—E. Lamar, J. W. Burt, P. W. Johnson, J. R. Crumpton, A. Edwards.

To supply vacancy on standing committee on Missions, Rev. J. W. McCollum was made chairman in place of Rev. J. E. Chambliss, absent.

The committee on Religious Exercises, in partial report, appointed Rev. S. J. Catts to preach at night.

Adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. to-morrow. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. M. Fortune.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

9 A. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. B. F. Riley for twenty minutes.

Minutes read and adopted.

Rev. B. F. Riley was received as correspondent for Howard College.

Standing committees appointed to report next session:

On Missions—J. M. Fortune, J. R. Crumpton, J. A. May.
On Sunday-schools—H. S. D. Mallory, W. R. Hardy, J. F. Ellis.
On Education—J. W. Stillwell, W F. Moseley, W. A. Keith.
On Temperance—J. W. Hudson, R. E. Bostwick, U. J. Crumpton.
On Ministerial Education—H. A. Haralson, J. B. Ellis, E. Lamar.
On Indigent Ministers' Fund—Miles Hardy, J. P. Melton, W. F. Rowell.
On Literature—A. Edwards, Jos. Swink, M. H. Traylor.

Elected for ensuing year:

On Executive Board—Brethren B. F. Ellis, H. S. D. Mallory, Jos. Swink, Dan Edwards, Miles Hardy.

Bro. J. W. Hudson read the report on Indigent Ministers' Fund, which was spoken to by brethren H. S. D. Mallory, S. W. Averett, B. F. Riley, C. W. Hare, S J. Catts, J. W. Hudson and U. J. Crumpton. Adopted.

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

Your committee on Indigent Ministers' Fund beg leave to report: That so far as we know and believe there still exists among the churches of this Association a want of intelligent and active sympathy, amounting in some cases almost to indifference, for these most worthy and oft-times destitute objects of the churches' love and care, the indigent Baptist preachers of Alabama; and we believe that this want of interest in the pew is due, in large measure, to lack of interest in the pulpit. We submit that the Baptist denomination are too unmindful of the claims of indigent Baptist preachers. Nearly all denominations have organized systems for their relief. We have none. We need to be educated to do our duty in this regard, and to this end we would respectfully and earnestly urge upon our preachers the importance of discussing the subject more frequently in the pulpit.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. STILLWELL,
Chairman.

Bro. J. F. Ellis read the Treasurer's report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. F. Ellis, Treasurer,

In account with the Selma Association:

1888.	Dr.	
Aug. 8.	To general collection	$30 50
	Cash, finance committee	35 00
	Collection from Lowndesboro and Hayneville churches (rebuilding)	8 15—$73 65
1888.	Cr.	
Aug. 8.	By W. B. Crumpton, voucher No. 1	$30 50
	By W. B. Crumpton, voucher No. 2	20 00
	By J. M. McIver, voucher No. 1 for minutes	15 00
	By J. M. Fortune, voucher No. 1, Lowndesboro and Hayneville church buildings	8 15—$73 65

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Ellis, Treasurer.

The report on State of Religion in the Churches, was read by Bro. D. B. Edwards.

Bro. Mallory asked for more specific information as to the falling off from last year.

Brethren D. B. Edwards, S. J. Catts, E. Lamar, (C. W. Hare suggested recommitment of the report) and Rev. W. G. Curry spoke to the report.

The question was called, and the Moderator decided that the ayes have it.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

From the reports made by the churches and ministers of your Association, your committee conclude that the state of religion within your bounds is not encouraging; not what it should be. There seems to be a decrease in membership in a large number of the churches. A number of the churches report no Sunday-school, and we fear in some instances the contributions are on the decline.

In view of these facts, we recommend that there be on the part of pastors and churches more earnest prayer and more diligent work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. Edwards,
J. M. Fortune,
Committee.

Bro. B. F. Ellis moved that we cordially welcome Mr. Lowry, Presbyterian, and Mr. Menifee, Methodist, as visitors on our floor. Adopted.

Bro. H. S. D. Mallory read the report on Sunday-schools, which was spoken to by himself and Bro. J. T. Murfee.

At 11 o'clock Bro. J. M. Fortune preached the missionary sermon from the text, "And ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8.

At the close of the sermon brethren U. J. Crumpton, B. F. Ellis, Lewis Johnson and D. B. Edwards were requested to receive contributions from the Association, the result of which was $32.40. Adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M. After singing, Bro. W. B. Crumpton led in prayer.

Discussion of Sunday-school report was resumed, brethren S. W. Averett and W. B. Crumpton speaking.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

From examination of the letters from the churches of the association, your committee report that each church reporting—with the exception of one—have organized Sunday-schools. In several of the churches the school meets every Sabbath. We earnestly recommend, that wherever possible, the Sunday-school should meet every Sunday. Much good can be done by less frequent meetings, but to obtain the highest good, it is necessary to meet every Lord's day.

It is hardly necessary for us to urge on the churches of this Association the very great importance and benefit of the Sunday-school. It is strictly a church work, and should always be, and as such, is one of the mightiest instruments of religious training.

We recommend that our Sunday-schools use exclusively Baptist publications.

Kind Words, and the Sunday-school literature published under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention, and those of the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia, are commended.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. D. MALLORY,
D. B. EDWARDS,
U. J. CRUMPTON,
Committee.

Adopted.

Rev. S. J. Catts read the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

Education is the training of minds in higher spheres than they were wont to move in. It is the fortification of the mind with facts and useful knowledge, to be used in grappling with difficulties and problems. It is the leading out of one's self into the trained limits of knowledge, and it is the building up of one's self in the higher branches of information.

Nor does the work of education stop here, nor is this the limit of the comprehensive grasp of the subject; but it reaches out and above into the inner life and touches the heart with its elevated and purifying influence.

An education that touches and refines the brain and leaves the heart a dwarfed atom, is not the education for the times.

An education which trains the life into all the varied trails of knowledge, and exerts no uplifting of the heart into the knowledge of God and his love, is not fit to be called an education.

Such education gives to the world one-sided characters. It gives to the world dishonest bank cashiers, men who cannot be trusted, gamblers, drunkards, and a host of sinful men educated, though useless, whom we see loafing out their lives as though they considered themselves "the barren fig trees."

The demand of the times is for an education for our people that shall train the mind with the heart, the intellect with the soul, the thought and research with the higher Christian character.

The time has come when we can no longer thrust the youth and maidens into colleges and seminaries where no beautiful thought of our re-

ligion ever comes to make glad their hearts as they are mingled with their daily recitations and exercises.

The forces of sin and iniquity have become so strong in Alabama in the last few years that we must have positive religion to combat them. And these subtile forces have become so attractive, and temptations have been made so alluring, that if the youth and maidens of our land are not grounded in religion as well as education they wander away never to return. We surrender them to the teachers of the colleges for four, and often six years, during the character-growing period of their lives. How important and how necessary, then, that in their educational training their minds should be trained in the grand religion we profess. And how important that their teachers should be Christian gentlemen and ladies in the highest sense of the word!

This result cannot be accomplished in a non-sectarian college. We therefore recommend that we, as a part of the great Baptist denomination, earnestly make every effort to stand by our own institutions of learning, and that we strive to have practical religion taught in them. To this end we heartily recommend Howard College, at East Lake, and the host of other Baptist schools in Alabama for boys, and the Judson and like institutions for young ladies.

Respectfully submitted,

SIDNEY CATTS,
W. A. KEETLY,
MARION TRAYLOR,
Committee.

Brethren B. F. Riley (emphasizing especially the claims of Howard College), S. W. Averett, J. T. Murfee and W. G. Curry, spoke to the report, which was adopted.

Bro. J. W. McCollum read the report on Missions and addressed the audience, especially on his mission to Japan, after which Bro. W. B. Crumpton took up a collection to defray his traveling expenses to that field. He asked for $50. The result was as follows:

A. D. Lawhon	$ 5 00
E. Lamar	5 00
B. F. Ellis	5 00
J. T. Murfee	5 00
Rev. Mr. Lowry	5 00
J. M. Fortune	5 00
S. J. Catts	5 00
Providence Sunday-school	5 00
J. B. Perkins	2 50
Miss Mattie Munnerlyn	2 50
Paul Johnson	2 50
J. M. McIver	2 50
Name of donor not given	5 00
Total	$55 00

Bro. J. M. Fortune moved to postpone further discussion of Missions until 10 A. M. to-morrow. Carried.

Adjourned until 8 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

8 P. M. After singing, correspondents were received from other associations.

The Moderator called for the report on Literature, which was read and amended to appear as follows:

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

How lightly we pass the subject of Literature, when it is the vital agent in national as well as individual development! As we read, so we think. How important, then, that what we read be pure and elevating, so that our thoughts may be ennobling; for our thoughts shape our actions, and actions make the world as we see it. Do we appreciate the potency of logic like this? Judging from the amount of trashy, vulgar, profane stuff, and the scarcity of good, sensible, reading matter on our book-sellers' shelves, we must conclude that this matter has a small place, if any at all, in current thought. This condition of things your committee judges to be one to be deplored by all religious bodies especially, and by every individual or organization having the good of mankind at heart.

Be it resolved, therefore, that we discourage always the distribution and reading of all such publications as do not tend to elevate and Christianize all the functions of mind and heart, and that we exert ourselves for the increase of interest in a more solid literature.

For Sunday-school use, the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia, are the fullest and best. Indeed, this society is our great supply depot for the best class of books. The Kind Words series, published at Atlanta, Ga., are good. The Baptists of Alabama should take and read the Alabama Baptist, Montgomery, Ala.

Too few of us are familiar with that valuable little sheet, the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., at 35 cents per year.

Resolved, That we cheerfully commend to our churches and Sunday-schools the Baptist Book and Bible Depository, at Marion, Ala. Buy all your books there.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McIver, Chairman.

Adopted after addresses by brethren Crumpton and Hare.

Bro. B. F. Riley asked to be allowed to make some statements pertaining to Ministerial Education, as he would have to leave before the time of its discussion to-morrow. Granted.

Adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

9 A. M. After devotional exercises the minutes were read and adopted.

On motion of Bro. B. F. Ellis, the money collected after the missionary sermon yesterday was handed over to Bro. W. B. Crumpton, to be divided according to the needs of mission work.

By order of the body, all members of this Association who meet with other Associations, have authority to represent us there.

The report on Temperance, according to special order, was next read by Bro. J. M. Fortune, to which he and brethren W. B. and J. R. Crumpton spoke. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance report:

The history of strong drink is the history of poverty and misery, of tears and woe, of crime and blood, of disease and death. Strong drink, as a beverage, is the cruel vandal of ignorance and superstition; the remorseless vulture of social and political corruption; the giant demon of destruction; the merciless fiend of ruin; the heartless vampire of death. And yet this foul monster is fed and nourished by the people of this boasted land of liberty. Statistics show that the people of the United States spend twice as much for liquor as they do for bread, three times as much for liquor as for clothes, seven times as much for liquor as for boots and shoes, eight times as much for liquor as for syrup and sugar, ten times as much for liquor as for education, eight hundred and thirty-three times as much for liquor as for all ministers' salaries, and about twelve hundred times as much for liquor as for all missions—home and foreign.

There is no feature of human history or experience, in this world, more appalling than this. This enemy of God and man stalks among us; now a monster of fabulous proportions, then a serpent subtile and sneaking, at all times cunning, remorseless and deadly.

It corrupts legislatures, bribes juries and intimidates courts; it dethrones reason, wrecks manhood, and robs industry; it disturbs public peace, makes private safety insecure, and violates common justice; it prostitutes public sentiment, debauches popular conscience, and assassinates innocence; it mocks at the groans of the dying, laughs at widows' sighs, and sports with orphans' tears; it disregards every domestic and social bond, destroys the peace and respectability of every class, and changes royal manhood into brutal barbarism. No tie is too tender to be severed, no cord too strong to be broken, and no love too sacred to be invaded by this unfeeling tyrant. With such a foe in our midst, what should be done? Your committee suggest that we recommend:

1. That Christian men stop drinking intoxicants as a beverage, and that Christian women discard every man who drinks. The moderate drinker becomes the toper. We are satisfied that if Christians would cease to patronize the liquor traffic, it would soon be banished from the land.

2. That all our churches exclude all tipplers and liquor venders who cannot be reclaimed.

3. That, as far as practicable, we should put good temperance literature in the hands of all the people, and endeavor to educate the popular mind.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Fortune,
Chairman.

A motion was made and carried to suspend special order until the report on Ministerial Education could be heard read by Bro. B. F. Ellis. Bro. W. G. Curry spoke to the report. Bro. W. B. Crumpton proposed that a resolution assuming education of brethren Barnes and Shell be inserted in report.

After remarks by Rev. J. D. Cook, Bro. B. F. Ellis proposed that we elect a board to look after the education of the brethren mentioned, and closed by saying he would see that the money was raised to pay his way if Bro. Barnes would go back to college next year.

The report on Ministerial Education was then adopted, as printed here:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee, to whom was assigned the work of presenting the claims of Ministerial Education, report: In an age like this, when every interest is advancing, we cannot expect the ministry, who are charged with the most sacred and profoundest of concerns, to remain at a stand still. They should not only advance, but be in advance of all others. While they are men of like passion with ourselves, they are charged with the loftiest functions intrusted to man's keeping, that of proclaiming the glad tidings of God for the redemption of the world.

It is, therefore, a matter of supreme importance that we look to the equipment of our coming ministry for this most solemn duty. Upon examination we find that there were from Alabama, at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary last session, eight students. At Howard College we have twenty-four ministerial students, who are reported to be almost, without exception, young men of promise for this sacred work.

The Ministerial Board, located at Montgomery is charged with the work of assisting students for the ministry, who may require aid, as far as that board can do so, with the means at their command. The means are to be derived from the churches, so that the education of our ministry is largely dependent upon the liberality of the Baptist churches of Alabama. If we would have a ministry comparable with that of other denominations, and able to cope with prevailing error, we must rally to the support of the board at Montgomery.

Resolved, That we assume the support of J. E. Barnes and H. H. Shell at Howard College another year, and that the churches be requested to send to the Ministerial Board by October 1st, at least one-half the amount required of us, and the other half by February 1st, 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Ellis,
Chairman.

On motion, a committee of one was appointed, as suggested before, to correspond with the general Board of Ministerial Education, at Montgomery, in behalf of the two young men mentioned. Amended to read that "Bro. B. F. Ellis be appointed," etc. So ordered.

The discussion of the report on Missions was resumed by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, followed by Rev. J. M. Fortune; after which a vote was taken on report as read yesterday and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Mission Board is doing all it can with the amount given it for this work. They ask for $5,000 from the State for this purpose. With the rapid development in the mineral region, the building of new railroads in all parts of the State, and the rapidly increasing population, they cannot do the work required on a smaller amount.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board has charge of all the mission work in those States where there are no State Mission Boards, and also in the island of Cuba, where perhaps the most wonderful work of the century is being accomplished. In less than three years Diaz and his assistants have founded a church in the city of Havana of 1,400 members, and numerous churches and preaching stations in different parts of the

Island. The number of missionaries employed is 328, the total receipts is $69,398.83, an increase of receipts over last year of $21,376.66. Of this amount Alabama gave $817.43.

A paper entitled Our Home Field is published by this board, devoted exclusively to news concerning the work of this board. Subscription price 25 cents.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This board is making broader its work each year, trying as best they can to give the bread of life to the perishing millions. They have made thirty-six new appointments within the last twelve months and yet the cry is for more men.

They have now missions in Mexico, Africa, South America, Italy, China and a mission in Japan will be opened in the fall. Their receipts for last year reached $102,633.38. This year they are asking for $150,000, and they must have it in order to accomplish the work undertaken. The receipts of the two last days of last current year were $14,000, and of the last day $9,000. This surely emphasize the need of a plan for giving. We respectfully suggest the envelope system as being the best known to us.

These boards are in heartiest sympathy, and are unitedly strong for the advancement of the Master's kingdom. Let us rally to their support. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Report on Documents was next read and adopted :

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents report as follows :

Ash Creek church, at Gordonville, Ala., was received into the Association upon application, being reorganized on January 1st, with Bro. G. S. Anderson as pastor.

Shiloh and Mt. Gilead ask the next session of the Selma Association to be held with them.

Orrville Baptist church has no deacons.

A number of churches make no mention of having Sunday-schools. Some of these churches are known to have schools, and such reports are damaging in effect to the Association, uniust to the churches themselves, and injurious to the Sunday-school cause. We would repeat the recommendation that has often already been made, viz: that our churches furnish to the Association full and reliable statistics.

Respectfully submitted, E. LAMAR,
Chairman.

The following is the report adopted on Time and Place of next meeting :

We, the committee on Time and Place, recommend that Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1890, be the occasion and Shiloh church the place of next meeting.

To preach introductory sermon, Rev. W. G. Curry; missionary sermon, Rev. J. E. Chambliss. P. JOHNSON,
Chairman.

The report of the committee on Apportionment was next read by Bro. J. R. Crumpton. Adopted.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, the undersigned committee, report as follows:

Churches.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Total.
Ash Creek	$ 15 00	$ 5 00	$ 20 00
Benton	15 00	5 00	20 00
Bethany	25 00	5 00	30 00
Centre Ridge	60 00	25 00	85 00
Mt. Gilead	50 00	20 00	70 00
Orrville	50 00	25 00	75 00
Pleasant Hill	80 00	30 00	110 00
Providence	100 00	50 00	150 00
Selma	500 00	150 00	650.00
Sister Springs	5 00	5 00	10 00
Shiloh	70 00	15 00	85 00
Town Creek	75 00	20 00	95 00
Total	$1,045 00	$350 00	$1,400 00

On making the above apportionment, we suggest that a reasonable and necessary amount be raised by the churches, and that the deacons and pastors of the various churches be appointed as committees to see that subscriptions do not fall short of amount apportioned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Lamar,
J. R. Crumpton,
A. Edwards,
P. W. Johnson,
G. W. Burt,
Committee.

This preamble and resolution was read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, So many of the delegates sent to represent their respective churches to this Association, leave before the business of the body has been finished; therefore be it

Resolved, That the churches be requested to select and send such persons to the Association under instructions to remain at each session of the Association until all business shall have been transacted.

The following resolution, read by Bro. J. W. Hudson, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association extend thanks to the church and people of Orrville for their kindness and hospitality towards the delegates in attendance.

The roll was called and absentees marked.

Adjourned to meet with Shiloh church, Tuesday after the first Sunday in August, 1890. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. D. Cook.

A. D. Lawhon, Moderator.

J. M. McIver, Clerk.

RECORD OF THE SELMA ASSOCIATION.

Organized in 1883 with eleven churches around Selma, formerly belonging to the Alabama and Cahaba Associations.

Year	Place of Meeting.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1883.	Shiloh (organized).....	B. F. Ellis.....	E. F. Baber.....	H. W. Edwards...
1884.	Mt. Gilead	E. F. Baber...	I. R. Eskew.....	H. W. Edwards....
1885.	Centre Ridge.....	E. F. Baber.... ...	M. H Traylor.	B. F. Manley..
1886.	Providence.....	E. F. Baber.... ..	I. R. Eskew.....	J. B. Ellis.....
1887.	Pleasant Hill.....	H. S. D. Mallory.	I. R. Eskew.....	J. F. Ellis..... ...
1888.	Town Creek.....	A. D. Lawhon....	J. M McIver.....	J. F. Ellis.....
1889.	Orrville.....	A. D. Lawhon.....	J. M. McIver.. ...	J. F. Ellis..... ...

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building (not at home.)	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Colport'ge	Howard College.	Minutes.	S. S. Expenses.	WOMEN'S SOCIETY. Benevolence.	WOMEN'S SOCIETY. For'gn Missions	WOMEN'S SOCIETY. Howard College	Judson Institute.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.	Value of Chapel and Parsonage.
†Ash Creek	$	$	$ ...	$	$..	$	$ 1 00	$	$	$.....	$	$	$ 1 00	$	$	$ 500 00	$ .....
Benton	.. ..	.....	.....	17 35	.. ...	5 00	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 10	.....	.....	1000 00	.....
Bethany	2 55	2 00	2 65	5 72	.. ..	5 10	1 00	... .	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	26 02	.....	.....	1000 00	.....
Centre Ridge	1 00	.....	1 00	22 75	1 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 25	200 00	18 00	2000 00	.....
Mt. Gilead	4 74	.....	4 75	25 63	.....	14 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 77	63 36	150 00	30 70	1500 00	.....
Orrville	11 50	.....	11 50	21 00	.....	16 50	1 75	10 00	.....	.....	.....	110 00	187 50	200 00	550 00	2000 00	.....
Pleasant Hill	.... ..	.....	.....	24 75	.....	.....	1 50	.....	25 25	9 00	.....	22 00	48 25	150 00	.....	2000 00	.....
Providence	21 00	.. ..	22 29	25 50	.....	.....	2 50	13 83	. . ..	.....	5 00	10 00	110 12	400 00	12 00	2000 00	.....
Selma	‡270 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	. . ..	....	.....	100 00	.....	373 00	1500 00	.....	19000 00	6000 00
Sister Springs (No r'prt)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	. . ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.... .	.....
Shiloh	11 67	.....	11 62	30 26	.....	3 00	1 50	... ..	.....	.....	.. . .	15 00	73 05	150 00	94 50	1000 00	. .. ..
Town Creek	4 50	1 85	3 85	4 00	1 50	6 00	1 00	.....	29 40	.....	.....	16 00	38 70	225 00	240 00	2000 00	.....
Collections at Assoc'tn.	.....	.....	*55 00	§32 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$106 96	$3 85	$192 16	$359 36	$2 50	$49 50	$17 75	$23 83	$54 65	$9 00	$107 00	$191 00	$957 35	$2975 00	$945 20	$ 34000 00	$6000 00

‡All for Missions. *After the Missionary Sermon given for Japan. †New Church. §To be divided, according to plan of board, among all missions.

NOTE.—The committee recommends the use of a regular form of church letter.

We have to guess at many of these figures; letters give no clue.

STATISTICS OF SELMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1889.

Church.	County.	Pastor and Post-office.	Clerk and Post-office.	Sunday-school Superintendent and post-office.	Membership last Reported.	Increase by			Decrease by				Present Membership.	S. S.		Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Deaths.		Offic's & T'chrs.	Pupils.		
†Ash Creek	Lowndes	G. S. Anderson. Fort Deposit	M. E. Bell, Gordonville	A. D. Lawhen, Benton									12		20		
Benton	Lowndes	S. J. Catts, Pleasant Hill	R. E. Bostwick, Benton		11		1		1				11			4	
Bethany	Lowndes	J. M. Fortune, Collirine	M. J. Traylor, Collirine	A. Edwards, Collirine	25				3	1	1	1	18	3	20	3	
Centre Ridge	Dallas	Dr. J. E. Chambliss, Furman	J. C. Yates. Carlowville	J. P. Melton, Carlowville	50		2						52	3	20	2	
‖Mt. Gilead	Lowndes	S. J. Catts, Pleasant Hill	M. J. Traylor, Benton	J. Bryant. Benton	32	2			4				30			3	
†Orrville	Dallas	W. G. Curry, Livingston	J. B. Ellis, Orrville	J. M McIver, Orrville	26		4		2			1	27	6	38	2,4	Yes
*Pleasant Hill	Dallas	Dr. J. E. Chambliss, Furman	J. W. Bailey, Pleasant Hill	Dr. W. R. Hardy, Pleasant Hill	57				6				51		45	4	Yes
*Providence	Dallas	W. G. Curry, Livingston	Thomas Berry, Tasso	L. Johnson, Orrville	73	2	1	1				3	74	6	27	2,4	
*Selma	Dallas	J. M. Frost, (resigned) Selma	A. J. Goodwin, Selma	H. S. D. Mallory, Selma	282	40	22		21	2			321	17	100	1,2,3,4	Yes
‖Shiloh	Dallas	S. J. Catts, Pleasant Hill	P. W. Johnson. Selma	Paul Johnson, Selma	69		4		2	3			67	4	20	1	Yes
*Town Creek	Dallas	J. M. Fortune, Collirine	T. K. Whitman. Benton	J. F Ellis, Soapstone	59	1		1	4	2			55	5	30	2,4	Yes
Sister Springs	Lowndes																
	Lowndes																
Total					694	45	34	2	43	8	1	5	716	44	320		

*Ladies' Missionary Societies. Sewing circle to raise funds for church buildings, etc. †New church just received, so report is not full. Reorganized the third Sunday in June, 1889. ‖Invite the Association next year. Note—Many of the letters fail to give clerks, post-office and other important points; but this report is as near right as we can guess.

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